

State Youth Council
Meeting Minutes
11-8-04

I. Approval of 10/22/04 Minutes

A motion was made by Meldoy to approve October's minutes, seconded by Julie, motion passed.

II. Youth Conference

There is a youth forum scheduled in Phoenix in December, hosted by the Dept's of Labor, Education, Health & Human Services, and Justice. An email went around requesting a team from CO to form, and the State Youth Council was one of the targeted audiences. There will be several people there from CO that may be able to represent the SYC and another agency.

Amy will contact Mark Pingrey, chair of the Workforce Development Council, for guidance regarding the State Youth Council participation.

Many federal agencies have calendars listing upcoming events. Below are a few that we can all pay attention to regarding the youth council. Please add any additional sites to the list, and we can update it prior to posting the minutes on the website:

US Dept. of Labor - <http://www.dol.gov/dol/calendar/>

US Dept. of Education - <http://www.ed.gov/news/events/calendars/index.html?src=sm>

National Youth Employment Coalition -

http://www.nyec.org/calendar_of_nyec_events.htm

Dept. of Labor Employment and Training Administration –

<http://www.doleta.gov/calendar/calendar.cfm?startmonth=0>

III. Strategic Planning/Goals

The topic of strategic planning was brought up. The State Youth Council did spend some time revisiting goals earlier this year, and the goals were re-summarized:

- Visit local chambers/other business gatherings in coordination with a local workforce professional to present about the SYC, hiring youth, etc. The SYC committed to make 4 visits by June 2005.
- Grant Workshops in conjunction with CDLE around next PGL
- Outreach to local youth councils
- Involve more youth via membership and/or short term projects

IV. Presentation – Seth Housden, Denver Workforce Development

Seth Housden from Denver WFD (program manager, youth) had a meeting last week to share experiences on youth councils; propose collaboration with SYC to host conference of statewide councils to share best practices, etc.

Julie Berge – 4 years ago something similar was done and it was very productive.

Melody Bolton – suggested a full day, with half hour / hour-long informational sessions, breakouts, etc.

SYC – will form subcommittee (Julie, Melody, Dani, Seth, Mark, Les, Stefan so far) to work with a planning group including members of local youth councils & come up with budget, plan for the day, etc, and present back to the SYC.

Seth - Denver will host, Steve will find a location;

January 5th, 10 am, will be a planning meeting, via phone if not able to attend.

A motion was made by Melody to work with the local youth councils to plan a conference, second by Julie, motion passed.

V. SYC Protocol

Amy Arquilla, Co-Chair, reminded the council that all members should represent themselves as a SYC member first and foremost at SYC meetings.

VI. Youth Development Summit, OK Presentations – Beth Brin, Amy Peters

Beth and Amy thanked the SYC for sponsoring their attendance. Great speakers & workshops.

Key points mentioned by Beth & Amy:

- Going as a team allowed them to divide and conquer, covering more ground and sharing what they learned
- The client is more important than the paperwork and the numbers/standards
- Case notes training was done; documents are legal, can be subpoenaed, and should be clear enough that a customer could read them
- Marketing materials will be created to be more youth-friendly
- Great career and lifeskills resources were presented
- Beth and Amy will be forwarding lots of feedback regarding common measures to federal contacts
- Interesting work simulation project from TX related to work preparedness, leadership, etc could be adapted locally in CO

Nicole Barden also attended, stating that she was on a youth track vs. a workforce track. She enjoyed the sessions and made a potential mentoring contact.

Dani – passed out DOL/ETA strategic vision;

Workforce ATM site - <http://www.icesa.org/>

VII. State Youth Council Liaison

Letters were prepared for the local workforce directors and will be sent upon signature by the co-chairs.

VIII. Summer Job Hunt

Report due 1st of December; 2005 events/planning has begun!

IX. Youth Transition Grant

The state team is still digging through and organizing data, plans to meet with the 3 local sites on December 9th. The next step would be the development of the state plan, as well as the local sites developing their local plans.

X. Youth PGL

Quarterly reports were due 10/31. Pueblo altered goals of proposal based on funding, this needs to be addressed by SYC.

XI. Membership

Amy Arquilla received new youth application, copies will be forwarded by Steve to the subcommittee.

XII. Finance

Colorado Next ad finalized and signed off on.

SWIS Committee Proposal Update – The \$70,000 request from the SYC was spent by the SWIS Committee on a health career project, so the request was denied by the committee based on the fact that the funds were no longer available.

Next July/August – Begin planning for the 2006 CO Next Magazine early.

XIII. Future Meetings

December 16th, 9am – 11am, subcommittee for PGL's (Melody, Dani, Jennifer, Samantha, Valerie, Nicole, open to others absent, as well) @ A/D Works

January 5th, 10 am – local youth council conference planning, location tbd.

January 6th, 9am – 12pm, subcommittee on involving youth @ 1313 Sherman, 5th floor, conference phone attendance will be available. Prior members involved in this project were: Sue Schierkolk, Mark Johnston, Ann Baker, Marc Dettenrieder.

Other interested members are encouraged to assist!

January 13 @ 8:30 – 11:30 – State Youth Council

Feb 10 @ 8:30 – 11:30 – State Youth Council

XIV. Meeting adjourned @ 3pm.